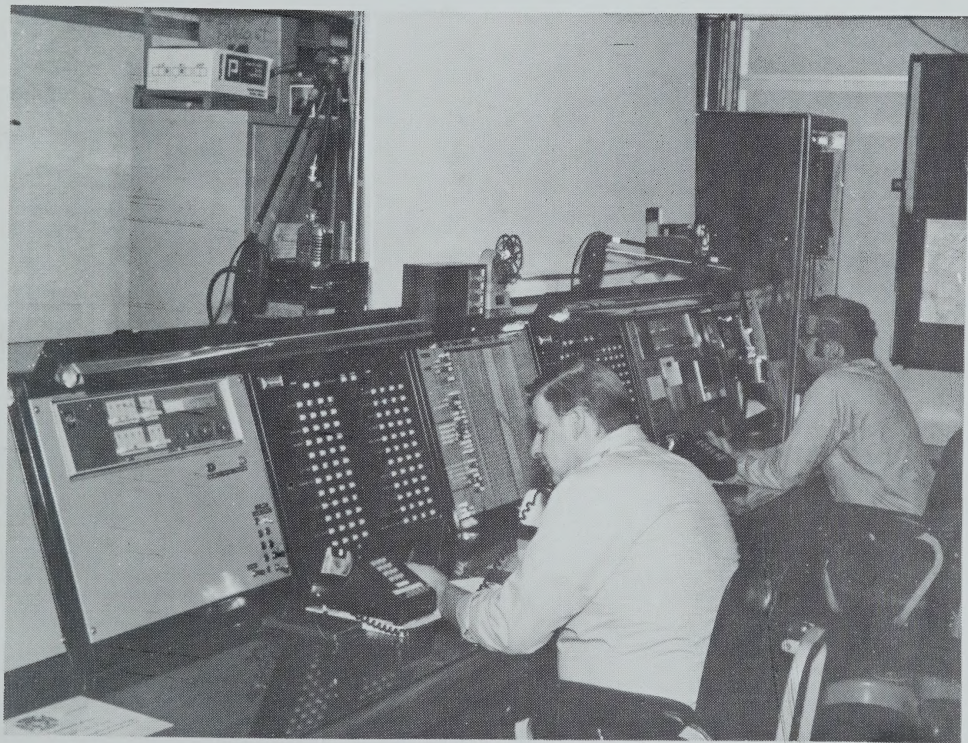


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County Attorney and Auditors**

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COUNTY OFFICERS**Commissioners**

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman	Sanbornton
John G. Ruel	Laconia
Henry T. Spear, Clerk	Gilford

Attorney

David R. Decker	Laconia
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Treasurer

H. Max Wakeman, Jr.	Laconia
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Sheriff

Donald C. Alden	Alton
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Clerk of Superior Court

Robert P. Tilton	Laconia
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Judge of Probate

Richard G. Tilton	Laconia
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Register of Probate

Dorothea R. Conly	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Probate

Estelle J. Bouchard	Laconia
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Register of Deeds

Everette D. Wheeler	Laconia
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Deputy Register of Deeds

Lora M. Dunleavy	Laconia
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**Administrative Assistant
To The Commissioners**

James H. Pringle

Laconia

Auditor

Gregory M. Dickinson
Robert S. Hawkins

Gilford
Belmont

Deputy Sheriffs

Robert Brough
Lawrence Campbell
Carol A. Cunningham
Philip P. Daigneault
Gerard Dumong
Robert F. Gilbert
Linda M. Hickey
Stephen G. Hodges
Donald S. Lance
Eleanor W. Merrill
Sylvio J. Morin
Walter Newcomb
Stephen H. Nedeau
Carlton Perkins
George A. Poire
Clyde E. Rogers
Norman G. Stanley
Edward Sullivan
Mark E. Thurston
David D. Varney

Sanbornton
Laconia
Tilton
Barnstead
Sanbornton
Laconia
Laconia
Meredith
Sanbornton
Laconia
Gilford
Meredith
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Laconia
Laconia
Alton
Belmont
Alton
New Durham
Alton

Superintendent of the County Home

Perley A. Beach, Supt.

Laconia

Superintendent — Jail and House of Correction

Thomas N. Myatt, Supt.

New Durham

Chaplains

Rev. William Zeckhausen
Rev. Bombardier

Laconia
Laconia

Medical Referee

Norman G.B. McLetchie

Gilford

**MEMBERS OF THE
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION**

1973-1974

District No. 1 (Center Harbor, New Hampton)	L. Keith Matheson
District No. 2 (Meredith)	Marshall French Robert M. Lawton
District No. 3 (Sanbornton, Tilton)	Charles B. Roberts Barbara Bowler
District No. 4 (Gilford)	Esther R. Nighswander Norman C. Marsh
District No. 5 (Belmont)	Marion Wuelper
District No. 6 (Barnstead, Gilmanton)	George B. Roberts, Jr., Ch.
District No. 7 (Alton)	George Twigg III
District No. 8 (Laconia, Ward 1)	Robert E. Hood
District No. 9 (Laconia, Ward 2)	David O. Huot
District No. 10 (Laconia, Wards 3 and 4)	Carol J. Pierce Peter Hildreth
District No. 11 (Laconia, Ward 5)	Fritz Sabbow Dorothy V. Randlett
District No. 12 (Laconia, Ward 6)	James W. Murray Frank A. Maguire, Jr.

**COMMITTEES OF THE
BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION****1973-1974****Executive Committee**

Marshall French, Chairman	Meredith
Robert Hood	Laconia
L. Keith Matheson	Center Harbor
Esther R. Nighswander, Vice Chairman	Gilford
Charles B. Roberts	Sanbornton
Marion Wuelper	Belmont
Frank Maguire	Laconia

Ex-Officio

George B. Roberts, Chairman	Gilmanton
David O. Huot	Laconia

Belknap County Infirmary

Esther R. Nighswander, Chairman	Gilford
James W. Murray	Laconia
Peter Hildreth	Laconia
Robert M. Lawton, Vice Chairman	Meredith
Carol J. Pierce	Laconia

Belknap County Court House

Frank A. Maguire, Chairman	Laconia
A. Keith Matheson, Vice Chairman	Center Harbor
Norman C. Marsh	Gilford
George Twigg III	Gilmanton
Fritz T. Sabbow	Laconia

Gunstock Mt. Area Committee

Marion Wuelper	Belmont
Marshall French	Meredith
David O. Huot	Laconia
Dorothy V. Randlett, Vice Chairman	Laconia
Fritz T. Sabbow	Laconia

REPORT OF THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**To the Residents of Belknap County**

We submit our stewardship of the affairs of the County for the Year of 1974.

We have not printed the following items for the reasons of expense, but they are on file in the Belknap County office at 64 Court Street and open to inspection by any interested citizen during office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

1. Audit of all departments for 1974.
2. List of prisoners at Jail and House of Correction.
3. Extension Service reports.
4. Chaplain's report.

The County is an active member of the New Hampshire Association of Counties from whom we have received valuable assistance on National and State problems. This is particularly true of the field of law enforcement which poses increased problems.

The Infirmary is beset with surveys and requirements from Health, Education and Welfare adding to the duties of our efficient Superintendent, Mr. Beach and staff.

The Food Stamp Program, adopted by the State, has proved to be an unexpected burden on our Welfare budget. The State did not appropriate any funds to implement the new service. The certification period took from two to five weeks to get established and applicants were sent to our office to get help for this period. This made our increase in expenditures expand rapidly during the last of the year. Only the constant efforts of our Welfare Director, Arlene T. Dodge, made it possible to keep the expenditures within the proposed budget. We regret that Mrs. Dodge is leaving the County's employ.

We question whether the increased benefits and wider use of food stamps justifies adding this burden to local taxpayers rather than to State sources of revenue.

Without the faithful and professional service of our Administrative Assistant, Mr. Pringle, we would be unable to supervise the many facets of County government.

We say "Thank You" to all who have given service to the County and its affairs.

Belknap County Commissioners

Marion H. Atwood, Chairman
John G. Ruel
Henry T. Speare, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — January 14, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Nighswander, George B. Roberts, Jr., Charles B. Roberts, Maguire, Huot and Matheson.

On motion by Rep. Charles B. Roberts, seconded by Rep. Huot it was:

VOTED: That the County Commissioners be empowered to borrow not to exceed \$750,000 in anticipation of taxes as such times and under such terms and conditions as the Commissioners shall determine.

It was decided to meet with the various agencies of county government on Monday, January 28, 1974 beginning at 11:00 a.m.

It was decided that the Delegation would be meeting on February 11, 1974 at the Courthouse for a public hearing on the proposed county budget for 1974.

Mr. Thomas Myatt, Superintendent of the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction explained proposals for the detention of women prisoners and for carrying on the work of the recently terminated Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Project.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Maguire it was:

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly the Committee adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 10:00 A.M.
January 28, 1974**

The Committee was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Nighswander, Huot, Charles B. Roberts, Matheson, Wuelper, Maguire, George B. Roberts, Jr.

Preliminary consideration was given to the budgets for 1974. Various department heads were interviewed. There was a discussion of the proceedings of the Building Committee and the proposed options for the buildings on Wakeman Court.

On motion duly made and seconded it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 11:00 A.M.
February 4, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Roberts, Charles B Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Matheson, Maguire, Huot, Wuelper and Nighswander.

After a general consideration of the 1974 budget, miscellaneous budgets were considered. The committee interviewed Mr. Leonard Eckian and Donna Decker who presented their budget request for 1974 and explained the progress of the Meals on Wheels program and Leisurely Luncheons for Seniors.

The budget for the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center was reviewed by Rep. Huot, a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. Perley Beach appeared on his budget for the County Home and Hospital and Mr. Thomas Myatt appeared on the budget for the County Jail and House of Corrections and the proposal to establish a facility for women prisoners and a rehabilitation program to take the place of the Belknap/Merrimack Rehabilitation Project which expired on December 31, 1974.

On motion by Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Huot it was voted to establish the salaries of the County Commissioners at \$4,000 for 1974 with the salary of the Chairman being \$5,000.

On motion by Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Matheson, it was voted to establish the salary of the County Attorney at \$15,000 for 1974.

Tentative approval was given to the budgets for the Court House, the Bookkeeping office, the Superior Court, the Register of Deeds and the Budgeted Debt for 1974.

On motion duly made and seconded, it was voted to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 10:00 A.M.
February 11, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Roberts, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Wuelper, Huot, Nighswander, Maguire, and the County Commissioners.

There was a discussion of salaries at the County Home and at the Jail. After a discussion about a dishwasher for the county home on motion by Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Wuelper it was voted to recommend the purchase of a new dishwasher at a cost of approximately \$4,500 immediately.

The County Commissioners recommended that the salary of the County Attorney be set at \$15,000 and that Account #605 be changed from Director of Surplus to Assistant Administrator of Welfare at a salary of \$6,000.

The Committee met with County Attorney David R. Decker and reviewed his budget request. Rep. George B. Roberts moved, seconded by Rep. Charles B. Roberts that the Salary of the County Attorney be not less than \$12,500. Motion lost.

On motion by Rep. Nighswander, seconded by Rep. Wuelper it was voted to establish the minimum salary of the County Attorney at \$10,000. Rep. Huot voted against this motion. Rep. Maguire abstained.

Rep. Nighswander, having voted in the majority, moved that the vote whereby the salary of the County Attorney for 1974 was set at \$15,000 be reconsidered, seconded by Rep. Wuelper. Motion adopted. Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Wuelper that the salary of the County Attorney for 1974 be set at \$12,500. Adopted.

The committee went on record in favor of an office in the Court House for the County Attorney. It was also decided to recommend that the salaries in the Register of Deeds office be set at Labor Grade 11, Step 2 for Deputy Register, Labor Grade 7, Step 2 for Assistant Deputy Register and \$3.00 per hour for part time help.

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Wuelper it was voted to recommend a general salary increase due to cost of living increases in an amount equal to 8% for all county employees.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion duly made and seconded it was voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
PUBLIC HEARING
Court House, Laconia — 7:45 P.M.
February 13, 1974**

The meeting convened at 7:45 p.m. at the Belknap County Courthouse.

Present were Representatives French, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Twigg, Huot, Pierce, Randlett, Maguire and Murray.

The Chairman explained the hearing procedure and introduced the County Commissioners who handed out budget requests and explained the same. Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, Chairman of the County Commissioners explained certain items of income and expenditure. She explained that due to the paper shortage the County Report will be somewhat abbreviated this year and that the names of the prisoners at the Jail and House of Correction will be omitted but will be on file in the Commissioners' office. In her capacity as a member of the Laconia Airport Authority she explained that Mayor Edwin I. Chertok of Laconia, Chairman of the Authority was out of state and she stated the \$15,000 request would be used for capital improvements.

Mrs. Atwood also explained the requested item of \$60,000 for acquisition of real estate in the area of the court house for expansion and explained the work of the building committee appointed by the Commissioners up to the date of the hearing. She said the three houses on Wakeman Court were under option to the county and that the \$60,000 expenditure from Revenue Sharing Funds would permit their acquisition.

Mr. Robert Harrington, Chairman of the Extension Service Council spoke in favor of the service's budget request and introduced Mrs. Houston, who is treasurer of the council. Mrs. Houston explained that they had requested \$6,590 for rent since the federal government will require \$13,180 per year beginning July 1, 1974 for the facilities the service now has at the Federal Building. She stated they could get adequate space at the former Gunstock Junior College at 1105 Union Avenue in Laconia for \$4,500 per year.

Mr. James H. Pringle, administrative assistant to the County commissioners gave the annual explanation of the item entitled "non payroll items".

Dr. Thomas, director of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center explained the budget request of his agency. He explained the progress and expansion of the Mental Health Center during the past year and explained the loss of state grant money.

Mr. Leonard Eckian, director of the Leisurely Luncheons for Seniors program explained his agency's request for 1974. He explained the substantial increases that have taken place in the cost of food as being the major factor in the requested increase. He explained that the county appropriation would be spent exclusively on the "Meals-on Wheels" program. Dr. Thomas of the Lakes Region Mental Health Center spoke in favor of this request. Donna Decker, director of the Lakes Region Council on the Aging also spoke in favor.

Rep. David O. Huot of Laconia, a member of the Board of Directors of the Lakes Region Mutual Fire Aid Association explained the budget of the Lakes Region Fire Dispatch Center for 1974. He explained that the change in the request for 1974 from \$72,500 to \$75,500 was based upon a recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Convention for a general cost of living increase for employees of 8%. The original figure of \$72,500 was based upon an increase of 5% figured by the Executive Board of the Mutual Aid System.

Mrs. Dorothea R. Conly, Register of Probate, explained her requested expenses for 1974.

Mr. Robert P. Tilton, Clerk of Superior Court discussed his requested appropriation for 1974 and explained changes necessitated by legislation passed in the 1973 session of the General Court.

Mr. Everett D. Wheeler, Register of Deeds explained his budget request for 1974 including his requested realignment of salaries among his office help to bring them more in line with the state pay rates. He explained that his Deputy and Assistant Deputy were found to be earning substantially less than their responsibilities warranted.

Sheriff Donald C. Alden explained his budget requests for 1974, including the addition of one new deputy sheriff and one additional dispatcher. He also explained various requested federal grants for 1974, including the cadet program, the pilot project on report handling by tape recorder and transportation vans. Rep. Huot explained a mistake he made in the handling of the revenue and expense for the cadet program resulting in no provision being made for the county's \$150 share of the match. He said this would be corrected prior to final passage of the budget. There was a general discussion concerning federal grants and the various problems which can arise when the grants are not properly designated and all of their implications are not fully considered. County Attorney David R. Decker spoke in favor of the report writing project.

Mr. Thomas Myatt, Superintendent of the Belknap County Jail and House of Correction explained his budget request and indicated that the realignment of salaries was necessary in order to retain qualified personnel. He also spoke to the proposal to take over the expired Belknap-Merrimack Rehabilitation Project and run it for Belknap County only and to the problem of women prisoners and the proposal made to renovate the second floor of the existing building to house women prisoners and the staff necessary to accomplish this.

Rep. Marshall French, chairman of the Executive Committee explained the budget of the Belknap County Home and Hospital in the absence of Mr. Perley Beach, Superintendent who was hospitalized. There was a discussion concerning the use of prisoners in the kitchen and laundry at the County Home.

Mr. David R. Decker, County Attorney explained his budget requests and was supported by Sheriff Donald C. Alden, Chief Bruce G. Cheney of Gilford and Chief Earl M. Sweeney of Belmont.

The public hearing closed at 10:20 p.m.

MEETING OF THE CONVENTION

Rep. Wuelper moved, seconded by Rep. French that the County Commissioners be authorized to expend from the Revenue Sharing Fund an amount not to exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) for the purpose of purchasing real estate situated on Wakeman Court in Laconia in accordance with the options presently held.

Motion Adopted.

Rep. French delivered a report of the Building Committee indicating the need for additional space in the court house and suggestions received from architects. Discussion.

The convention discussed the various budget items shown on the budget submitted by the Executive Committee and agreed to meet in Laconia at some time following March 5 in order to finalize the budget.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, on motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. French it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

The Convention adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 11:15 A.M.
May 6, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Nighswander, Huot, George B. Roberts, Jr., Charles B. Roberts, Matheson, Wuelper and Maguire.

The Executive Committee met with the Courthouse Building Committee and reviewed plans submitted by Mr. Richard Dudley of the firm of Dudley, Walsh and Moyer of Concord. Several site plans and possible building arrangements were reviewed in detail. Alternatives considered included construction of an addition on the east, west and south sides of the building alternatively; construction of a separate facility on land owned by the county, and construction of a court facility only on land to be acquired. The relative merit of each alternative was discussed and considered at length.

On motion by Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., seconded by Rep. Matheson, it was unanimously

VOTED: That the Executive Committee go on record as favoring the construction of an addition on the westerly side of the court house and to authorize the commissioners to request that the architect prepare the necessary plans to present to the convention.

On motion by Rep. George B. Roberts, Jr., seconded by Rep. Wuelper it was

VOTED: To request that the architect present an additional drawing showing the first floor level enclosed with a proposed use of the space provided thereby.

The Chairman, after discussion with the Committee, directed the Clerk to give notice of a public hearing on a bond issue for Wednesday, May 22, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. with a meeting of the convention to follow.

Rep. Huot informed the Committee that there was a possibility that Atty. James D. O'Neill, the abutter on the immediate West of the courthouse would engage the services of Atty. A. Gerard O'Neil of Rep. Huot's law office to represent him in the event of eminent domain proceedings. Rep. Huot indicated that he would accordingly take no part in any deliberations or voting with respect to the institution of eminent domain proceedings or action which would precipitate such action.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the committee adjourned at 12:15 p.m. to hold a joint meeting with the courthouse building committee and the Belnap County Bar Association.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court Street, Laconia — 7:40 P.M.
May 22, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Nighswander, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, Huot, George B. Roberts, Bowler, Twigg, Matheson, Hildreth, Randlett, Murray, Marsh, Pierce and Maguire.

The public hearing was convened at 7:45 p.m. pursuant to RSA 33:10.

The following spoke in favor of the bond issue:

Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, County Commissioner; Mr. Robert P. Tilton, Esq. Clerk of Court; Mr. Peter V. Millham, Esq., of Gilford; Mr. Edwin I. Chertok of Laconia, Mr. Geroge Prescott, of Tilton; Mr. Donald C. Alden, Sheriff, of Alton; and Mr. David R. Decker, Esq., County Attorney.

Mr. Richard Dudley of the firm of Dudley, Walsh and Moyer, architects, presented the proposed plan of action and proposed budget requirements and answered questions.

Mr. Richard P. Brouillard, Esq., of Laconia spoke in opposition to the bond issue and presented a sketch drawn by Mr. Robert R. Lemire, A.I.A., proposing expansion at the rear of the courthouse.

Mr. James D. O'Neill, Esq., of Laconia spoke in opposition to the bond issue and distributed copies of statements by himself, Mr. John Ruel, County Commissioner and Mr. Robert R. Lemire, architect. Mr. O'Neil also presented to the clerk a copy of the decision in Wilton-Lyndeboro Co-operative School District v. Gregg, 111 NH 60 (1971).

Discussion.

There being no other members of the public desiring to speak either in favor of or in opposition to the bond issue, the public hearing was closed at 11:00 p.m.

Rep. Twigg moved, seconded by Rep. Marsh that the question be laid on the table until the questions raised by Mr. O'Neill are answered. Rep. Randlett moved, seconded by Rep. Maguire, to amend Rep. Twigg's motion to read Wednesday, May 29.

Discussion.

Rep. Twigg withdrew his motion and moved, seconded by Rep. Marsh that the meeting be recessed until 7:30 p.m., June 3, 1974.

Adopted.

Accordingly, the meeting recessed at 11:47 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 3, 1974.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 P.M.
June 3, 1974**

(After Recess)

The meeting of May 22, 1974 reconvened on June 3, 1974 at 7:30 p.m.

All members present prior to recess were present with the exception of Representative Twigg, who resigned as a member of the General Court on May 23, 1974, and Rep. Marsh.

The convention discussed the proposed addition to the court house with Mr. Richard Dudley of Dudley, Walsh and Moyer, who gave explanations concerning the matters raised at the public hearing and went over the estimated budget for the work in some detail.

Rep. Huot gave notice that contrary to the announcement he made to the Executive Committee on May 6, 1974, there was no possibility that he could be involved in a conflict of interests since Atty. A. Gerard O'Neil of his office had decided that he would not represent Atty. James D. O'Neill in the event of eminent domain proceedings. Accordingly Rep. Huot announced his intention to take part fully in the proceedings.

Rep. Huot offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: By the Belknap County Convention, after hearing pursuant to the provisions of RSA 33:10, that the County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are, authorized to borrow, by the issuance of bonds, a sum not to exceed one million dollars (\$1,000,000.00) for the purpose of constructing additions to the Belknap County Courthouse, including renovation of existing facilities and professional fees; and be it further

RESOLVED: That said County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are, authorized and empowered to proceed forthwith to procure plans and specifications, and bids for the purposes described herein, and to do any and all things incident to said constructions and renovation; provided, however, that prior to the acceptance of a bid for said project the Commissioners shall first present to the convention, a complete review of all bids received, and obtain the approval of the convention prior to commencement of construction.

Rep. French seconded the resolution.

A vote by roll call was taken with the following results:

AYES: Representatives French, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Pierce, Hildreth, Randlett, Maguire and Murray.

NOES: None

TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS: 18

TOTAL PRESENT AND VOTING: 13

TOTAL ABSENT: 4

VACANCIES: 1

There being thirteen members voting in the affirmative, none in the negative, a quorum being present, the resolution was adopted by the necessary two-thirds vote.

Rep. Huot offered the following resolution:

RESOLVED: By the Belknap County Convention, that the County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are, authorized to enter into negotiations with the owners of land and buildings abutting the property of the county on Court Street, Academy Street and Academy Square for the purpose of procuring such property as they may deem expedient and necessary for the erection of additions to the Belknap County Court House and uses incidental thereto, for a reasonable price and to expend for such purpose funds from the Revenue Sharing Fund

established pursuant to the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972, including cost of acquisition, appraisals and many other services including professional fees, incidental to the procurement of said property; and be it further

RESOLVED: That in the event the County Commissioners, after negotiations, are of the opinion that such land and buildings as they deem expedient and necessary cannot be procured by contract for a reasonable price, they shall so notify the Chairman of the convention for the purpose of consideration of the propriety of instituting eminent domain proceedings."

Rep. Charles B. Roberts seconded the resolution.

A vote was taken by roll call with the following results:

AYES: Representatives French, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Pierce, Hildreth, Randlett, Maguire and Murray.

NOES: None.

Thirteen members having voted in the affirmative, none in the negative, the resolution was adopted.

On motion by Rep. Wuelper, seconded by Rep. Hildreth it was

VOTED: That the commissioners be authorized to sell all salvageable materials, including buildings which have been acquired by the county on Wakeman Court, at whatever price they may deem appropriate.

Mr. Richard Dudley of the firm of Dudley, Walsh and Moyer explained the procedure for preparation of plans and specifications and gave an estimated timetable for the project.

On motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, at 9:15 p.m. the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and Meeting of the
BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing before the Belknap County Convention will be held

MONDAY, JULY 22, 1974 AT 7:30 P.M.

at the Belknap County Courthouse to see whether the convention will vote to accept federal funds of the Department of Housing and Urban Development on application of the Save the Mill Society for the restoration of the so-called Belknap-Sullorway Mill in Laconia.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a meeting of the Belknap County Convention will be held immediately following the aforesaid public hearing for the purposes of:

1. Interviewing consultants for a personnel study of Belknap County.
2. Determining what action is necessary relative to acquiring land and buildings for additions to the Belknap County Courthouse.
3. Deciding whether to accept federal funds for the purposes of the Save the Mill Society.
4. Any other business which may lawfully come before the convention.

By Order of the Chairman,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:40 P.M.
July 22, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by the Chairman.

The Clerk called the roll and the following members were present:

Representatives French, Matheson, Marsh, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Roberts, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Hildreth, Sabbow, Maguire and Murray.

The chairman recognized Mr. Charles Evans of Charles M. Evans & Associates to explain his proposal for a personnel study of the approximately 100 county positions as authorized in the 1974 budget. Mr. Evans explained his method of operation. The Chairman explained that six agencies had been contacted and the Evans firm was the only one able to do the job for the \$5,000 appropriation.

A public hearing was called to order at 8:00 p.m. relative to the request of the Save the Mill Society of Laconia.

Atty. Davidow of the Department of Housing and Urban Development explained the background of the situation and answered questions.

Mr. David R. Decker, County Attorney, read his formal opinion relative to the legal questions raised by the request.

The following persons spoke in favor of the request:

Mr. Arthur H. Highswander, Esq., of Gilford
Mr. John Monson, Esq., of Manchester
Mr. Edwin I. Chertok, Mayor of the City of Laconia
Mr. Nathaniel Kessin, of Laconia
Mr. Gilbert Center, of Laconia
Mr. Donald Oliver, of Laconia
Mr. Bradley Woodward, of Meredith
Mr. Norman P. Weeks, of Gilford

The following persons spoke against the request:

Mr. Harold Achber, Councilman, Ward 1, Laconia
Mr. Neil Young, Councilman, Ward 5, Laconia
Mr. Harry E. Gove, of Laconia
Mr. Richard V. Breton, of Laconia

The public hearing adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Representative Nighswander offered the following Resolution:

RESOLVED: That the County of Belknap, a local public body, as that term is used in Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, make application to the Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Belknap Sulloway Mill for a preservation grant of \$92,844, more or less, to restore the exterior, maintain the architectural and structural integrity and certain limited portions of the interior of the mill, subject to release of all claims and encumbrances by the City of Laconia, of its contract with the United States, or subject to a final determination by a court of competent jurisdiction that the City of Laconia has no valid claim or encumbrance and subject to the acceptance by the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the subject application or assignment for limited restoration; and subject to priority foreclosure provisions in the Historic Preservation Easement.

The resolution was seconded by Rep. Wuelper.

Rep. Marsh moved, seconded by Rep. Murray that the resolution be laid on the table until September 15, 1974.

Discussion.

On a division, five members having voted in the affirmative, six in the negative, the motion failed.

The Chairman called for a roll call vote on the resolution with the following results:

AYES: Representatives French, Charles B. Roberts, Matheson, Bowler, Sabbow, Hildreth, Nighswander, Wuelper.

NOES: Representatives Murray and Marsh

ABSTENTIONS: Representative Maguire.

Eight members having voted in the affirmative, two in the negative, and one abstaining, a quorum being present, the Resolution was adopted.

Mrs. Marion H. Atwood, Chairman of the Belknap County Commissioners explained that the 10 sheriffs had requested a grant of the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the purchase of van type vehicles for the transportation of prisoners and jurors, and would now renew the request which was denied at the time of budget submissions.

On motion by Rep. Bowler, seconded by Rep. Marsh, it was

VOTED: That the Convention reconsider the action whereby the convention denied the request of the Sheriff for the purpose of a passenger van type vehicle.

On motion by Rep. Marsh, seconded by Rep. Bowler it was

VOTED: That the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400) be withdrawn from the Revenue Sharing Fund established in accordance with the State and Local Assistance Act of 1972 and appropriated to the Sheriff's Department as matching funds for the acquisition of a passenger van under a grant to be provided Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency and the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Chairman declared an executive session concerning the acquisition of real estate in the vicinity of the Court House. Pursuant to the provisions of RSA 91-A:3,I, the divulgence of the discussion and action taken would impair the effectiveness of the action. Accordingly, the minutes thereof are excluded herefrom and are on file in the office of the Clerk of Convention. The minutes and resolutions passed at said executive session are declared to be confidential in accordance with the provisions of RSA 91-A:II, (d) and are available for inspection only by the members of the Convention until the occurrence of one of the following events:

- A. A vote of the Convention authorizing disclosure by the Clerk.
- B. An order of the Superior Court directing disclosure by the Clerk.

C. The completion of the action called for in the resolutions.

The Executive Session concluded at 11:25 p.m.

On motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Hildreth it was

VOTED: That the County Commissioners be authorized to enter into a contract with the Charles M. Evans & Associates, with the approval of the County Attorney and the Executive Committee for a personnel Study and report to be submitted on odr before January 1, 1975 at a price not to exceed \$5,000.00.

There being no further business to come before the convention, on motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Murray, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly the Convention adjourned at 11:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 P.M.
September 27, 1974**

The convention was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Marsh, Wuelper, Bowler, Huot, George B. Roberts, Jr., Hildreth, Pierce, Randlett, Sabbow, Maguire and Murray.

On motion by Rep. Marsh, seconded by Rep. Maguire, it was unanimously

VOTED: That all candidates for the position of Gunstock Area Commission be interviewed, 15 per night, on dates convenient to the convention.

Rep. Pierce abstained from voting.

The convention interviewed the following candidates for the position of Gunstock Area Commissioner:

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| 1. William J. Baker, M.D. | 9. Gregory M. Dickinson |
| 2. George Ballester | 10. Russell Dumais |
| 3. Clifford W. Birch | 11. Bill Fleming |
| 4. Larry J. Brunelle | 12. Roger R. Foeley |
| 5. Bradford B. Bunker | 13. Edmund E. Gove |
| 6. Rodney F. Cass | 14. Robert E. Hutchinson |
| 7. Shirley S. Coyne | 15. Roy R. Kincade |
| 8. Inda S. Dick | |

WHEREAS: Two out of three crimes committed have been established as being directly or indirectly related to illicit drug activities; and

WHEREAS: Judicial leniency has been generally recognized by responsible law enforcement officers as undermining police department morale, as well as public confidence; and

WHEREAS: The orderly progress of government, at all levels is dependent upon the availability of appropriate and adequate services to the general public within their collective financial ability to pay; and

WHEREAS: The Honorable Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr., has been publicly commended by the President of the United States, Richard M. Nixon for supporting the President's efforts to eliminate unnecessary expenditures as well as unproductive programs; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention hereby recognize the responsibility incumbent upon each elected representative to faithfully reflect the majority thinking on issues addressed in this resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention apply their collective energy, talent and ability to:

- a. Develop effective measures calculated to stem the rampant flow of narcotics into our state;
- b. Take all necessary and prudent steps to reduce the incidence of crime against people and property;
- c. Confine public expenditures only to those areas of activity in which the people cannot be reasonably expected to provide for themselves;
- d. To support the Governor of New Hampshire in his efforts to secure justice for and protect the economic interests of, our seacoast neighbors in their dispute with Maine in the matter of establishing a fair and equitable boundary; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be delivered to His Excellency, Governor Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

The motion was seconded by Rep. Maguire. Discussion. A roll call was requested and the results were as follows:

AYES: (5) Reps. Marsh, Twigg, Hood, Maguire and Murray.

NOES: (9) Reps. Lawton, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Charles B. Roberts, Huot, Hildreth, Pierce, and Sabbow.

ABSTENTIONS: (2) Reps. French and Randlett

The Resolution failed of passage.

Rep. Twigg moved that the resolution be amended by striking out the first Whereas clause. The motion was seconded by Rep. Maguire.

Motion Adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution as amended, the Resolution again failed of passage.

On motion by Rep. Wuelper, seconded by Rep. Huot, it was

VOTED That the convention will meet again on Wednesday, October 2, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. at the courthouse to interview another 15 candidates for the position of Gunstock Area Commissoiner.

The Chairman read a letter from County Attorney David R. Decker relative to negotiations for the purchase of the Brouillard property. The Chairman said the Commissioners were proceeding with the institution of eminent domain proceedings.

Rep. Huot outlined the procedure followed in eminent domain proceedings.

The Chairman reported on meetings held during the day between the Executive Committee and the firm of Dudley Walsh and Moyer who are architects for the courthouse addition and also with Charles M. Evans, Associates who are conducting the personnel study.

Rep. Huot offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. French:

RESOLVED: That the Clerk of the delegation be, and the same hereby is, delegated to attend the seminar on "Emerging Trends in Courthouse Planning, Design, Administration and Funding" to be held at Chicago, Illinois, on October 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1974 sponsored by the Institute of Continuing Legal Education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are authorized to expend not to exceed five hundred and fifty dollars (\$550.00) to pay the expenses of the said clerk in said capacity.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Rep. Marsh offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Hildreth:

RESOLVED: That the County Commissioners be, and the same hereby are authorized to borrow not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000.00) in anticipation of taxes, in addition to authorizations heretofore given, at such times, and upon such terms as they shall determine.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business to come before the convention, on motion by Rep. French, seconded by Rep. Huot, it was unanimously

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, at 10:07 p.m. the meeting adjourned to meet again on Wednesday, October 2, 1974 at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:35 P.M.
October 2, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m. by the Acting Chairman (Mr. Huot in the chair).

Present were Representatives Randlett, Sabbow, Bowler, Wuelper, Huot, Pierce, Murray, Maguire and Marsh.

The following persons were interviewed for the position of Gunstock Area Commissioner:

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| 1. Mr. Bernard J. Cashin | 7. Mr. Donald Lockwood |
| 2. Mr. James M. Fitzgerald | 8. Mr. John J. McDonough |
| 3. Mr. Peter Kraemer | 9. Dr. Robert Mooney |
| 4. Mr. Richard F. Ladieu | 10. Mr. Thomas Mooney |
| 5. Mr. Richard Lambert | 11. Mr. William Patterson |
| 6. Mr. John T. Leahy | 12. Mrs. Phyllis Veazey |

It was decided the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 9, 1974 at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the convention, on motion by Rep. Sabbow, seconded by Rep. Marsh it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 P.M.
October 9, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives George B. Roberts, Jr., Hildreth, Matheson, Marsh, Bowler, Pierce, Randlett, Sabbow, Maguire, Murray, and Wuelper.

The following applicants were interviewed for the position of Gunstock Area Commissioner:

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| 1. Fred K. Kuss | 9. David W. Shields |
| 2. Ray Lagueux | 10. Walter C. Smith |
| 3. William J. Morrison | 11. Bea Urie |
| 4. Stephen H. Nedean | 12. Donald Vachon |
| 5. Paul Rich | 13. Steve Weeks |
| 6. Edwin C. Sanborn | 14. Thomas P. Winn |
| 7. Dr. Leo B. Sanfacon | 15. Michael C. Workman |
| 8. David G. Scott | 16. Gordon A. Yale |

There was discussion concerning the handling of the selection process. Rep. Pierce moved, seconded by Rep. Bowler, that each member submit a list of five names or less to the Clerk on or before October 28, 1974 for tabulation.

The motion failed of passage.

It was decided the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 30, at 7:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the convention, on motion by Rep. Wuelper, Seconded by Rep. Marsh, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, the meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 7:30 P.M.
October 30, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Randlett, Marsh, Nighswander, Maguire, Pierce, Matheson, Sabbow, Hildreth, Bowler, Murray, Wuelper, and George B. Roberts, Jr.

The Chairman read a letter from the Clerk of the Convention relative to his attendance at the seminar in Chicago on courthouse design, planning, funding and construction, and reported on progress of the courthouse expansion.

Rep. Murray moved, seconded by Rep. Randlett, that each member submit not more than 5 nominations for the position of Gunstock Area Commissioner from among those interviewed, and that any person who received three or more nominations would be placed on a ballot for election to the position.

Adopted.

Nominations were received, a ballot prepared and a vote taken as a result of which Mr. Roy R. Kincade of Alton was declared elected.

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Murray that the Gunstock Area Commission be made unanimous.

Unanimously adopted.

Rep. Roberts advised the convention that a meeting might be necessary later in November to go over specifications for the courthouse additions.

Without objection the Chair directed the Clerk to notify all candidates for the position of Gunstock Area Commission of the election of Roy R. Kincade and to write to William J. Baker, M.D. expressing the appreciation of the convention for his many years of devoted service. (copies attached)

Rep. French moved, seconded by Rep. Randlett to adjourn.

Adopted. Accordingly the convention adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

**BELKNAP COUNTY DELEGATION
MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
Court House, Laconia — 3:00 P.M.
December 23, 1974**

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by the Chairman.

Present were Representatives French, Matheson, Marsh, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, George B. Roberts, Jr., Huot, Hildreth, Randlett, Sabbow, Maguire and Murray.

Rep. Nighswander offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Bowler:

RESOLVED: That the County of Belknap, a local public body, as that term is used in Title VII of the Housing Act of 1961, as amended, make application for the Belknap Sulloway Mill for a preservation grant of \$92,844.00, more or less, to restore the exterior, maintain the architectural and structural integrity and certain limited portions of the interior of the mill; and subject to priority foreclosure provisions being granted the County of Belknap in the Historic Preservation Easement; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Marion H. Atwood, Chairman of the Belknap County Commissioners, is authorized to execute all instruments on behalf of the County of Belknap to effectuate the application to said Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the obligations of the Save the Mill Society to the County of Belknap, and for the expenditure of said grant for said restoration purposes on the Belknap Sulloway Mill; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Marion H. Atwood is the designated official to from the Department of Housing and Urban Development the grant of \$92,844.00, more or less; and the said Marion H. Atwood is authorized to obtain said grant as soon as available from said Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Discussion

On a voice vote the Chair was in doubt and requested a roll call with the following results:

AYES: Representatives French, Matheson, Nighswander, Wuelper, Bowler, Charles B. Roberts, Hildreth, Randlett and Sabbow.

NOES: Representatives Marsh, Huot and Murray.

ABSTENTIONS: Representative Maguire.

There being nine votes cast in the affirmative, and three votes cast in the negative, the Chair declared the resolution adopted. Rep. Carol J. Pierce recorded but not voting, in favor of the resolution.

Rep. Sabbow inquired if it were in order to offer an amendment and the Chair responded that the resolution, having been adopted, amendments were not in order.

Rep. Sabbow offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Nighswander:

RESOLVED: That with respect to the restoration of the Belknap Sulloway Mill, the Save the Mills Society shall promptly submit to the county treasurer or his agent all data needed to properly complete all federal or state forms required by the United States of America, State of New Hampshire, and Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Adopted on a voice vote.

Several members questioned whether the person to report to should be the county treasurer or the county commissioners.

Rep. Huot moved, seconded by Rep. Nighswander, that the convention reconsider the action whereby it adopted Rep. Sabbow's resolution.

Adopted.

Rep. Nighswander moved, seconded by Rep. Wuelper, that the resolution be amended by striking out in line the three words "county treasurer or his" and inserting in place thereof the following: (county commissioners or their) so that said resolution, as amended would read:

RESOLVED: That with respect to the restoration of the Belknap Sulloway Mill, the Save the Mills Society shall promptly submit to the county commissioners or their agent all data needed to properly complete all federal or state forms required by the United States of America, State of New Hampshire, and Laconia Housing and Redevelopment Authority.

Amendment Adopted.

Resolution, as amended, Adopted.

Rep. Marsh desired to be recorded as voting no on the resolution.

The Chair recognized Mr. Charles M. Evans of Charles M. Evans Associates who discussed the recently completed study of Belknap County Personnel and requested a meeting with the new Executive Committee and the County Commissioners. Mr. Evans answered questions concerning his study.

The Chair introduced Mr. Richard Dudley, AIA of the firm of Dudley, Walsh and Moyer, architects of the new addition to the County Courthouse, who briefly outlined the architectural scheme and announced the results of the bidding. (A summary of the bidding is annexed as Exhibit #1).

Mr. Dudley informed the convention that the firm of Bonnett, Page, and Stone, Inc. of Laconia was the apparent low bidder with a bid of \$961,270.00, and recommended that the project cost be set at \$1,150,000.00 including furnishings, fees, contingencies and incidentals.

Rep. Huot offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Hildreth:

RESOLVED: That pursuant to the resolution adopted at the meeting of May 22, 1974, recessed to June 3, 1974, the county commissioners be, and the same hereby are authorized to proceed with the construction of additions to the Belknap County Courthouse, including professional fees and related expenses; and to expend for said purpose the funds raised by bond issue adopted June 3, 1974.

Adopted.

Rep. Marsh wished to be recorded as voting against the resolution.

Rep. Bowler moved, seconded by Rep. Maguire, that Christmas greetings be extended to all those in attendance.

Adopted unanimously.

Rep. Nighswander offered the following resolution which was seconded by Rep. Huot.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
BELKNAP, SS. BELKNAP COUNTY CONVENTION

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: JOHN G. RUEL has served the County of Belknap for fifteen years as a County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS: Said JOHN G. RUEL's term expires as of the end of this year; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Belknap County Convention does hereby express its heartfelt appreciation to JOHN G. RUEL for his fifteen years of service to the County of Belknap, and its best wishes for health and happiness in the years ahead; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to Commissioner John G. Ruel.

PASSED AND APPROVED, this twenty third day of December, 1974, by the Belknap County Convention assembled at Laconia in said County.

George B. Roberts, Jr.
Chairman

The Chairman expressed his appreciation to the Clerk for his dedicated service to the Convention.

(The record will show that this was the first issue to come before the convention in four years on which the Clerk was unable to find anything to say.)

There being no further business to come before the convention, on motion by Rep. Huot, seconded by Rep. Hildreth, it was

VOTED: To adjourn.

Accordingly, at 4:25 p.m. the convention adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
David O. Huot, Clerk

COUNTY OF BELKNAP
GENERAL FUND - BALANCE SHEET
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1974

<u>Assets</u>	
Cash on Deposit	\$ 61,387.31
Cash - Revenue Sharing	117,933.36
Cash - Capital Fund	13,309.04
Accounts Receivable	4,125.00
Buildings	<u>330,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$526,754.71</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 4,342.13
Accrued Expenses	11,629.66
Notes Outstanding	200,000.00
Bonds Outstanding	<u>130,000.00</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES</u>	<u>\$345,971.79</u>
Surplus	\$180,782.92
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS</u>	<u>\$526,754.71</u>

The latest Auditor's Report for the year 1973 is on file at the County Commissioner's Office available for inspection during office hours.

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF BONDED DEBT
December 31, 1974**

BELKNAP COUNTY BUILDING FUND

Total Issue: \$280,000.00
(No. 1 to 280 for \$1,000.00 each)
Interest Rate: 3.20 percent
Date of Issue: November 1, 1964

PRINCIPAL PAYMENTS AS FOLLOWS:

November 1, 1965 to 1980 - \$15,000.00	
November 1, 1981 to 1984 - \$10,000.00	
Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1/1/74	\$145,000.00
Amount Paid on bonds 1974	<u>15,000.00</u>

Balance of Principal due on Bonds 1/1/75	\$130,000.00
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Principal and Interest Payments to be made
to the National Shawmut Bank, Boston, Mass.

**COUNTY OF BELKNAP
STATEMENT OF NOTE DEBT
December 31, 1974**

BELKNAP COUNTY JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION
BUILDING FUND

Total Issue: \$234,950.00
Notes No. 1 For \$9,950.00
Notes No. 2 - No. 10 For \$25,000.00 each
Interest Rate 3.80 percent
Date of Issue: September 1, 1972
Principal Payments as Follows:

September 1, 1973	\$ 9,950.00
September 1, 1974 to 1982	<u>25,000.00</u>

Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1/1/74	\$225,000.00
Amount Paid on Notes - 1974	<u>25,000.00</u>

Balance of Principal Due on Notes 1/1/75	\$200,000.00
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SCHEDULE OF COUNTY PROPERTY

Description:

Land and Buildings:

(a) Court House and Annex	\$268,834.00
(b) County Infirmary, Jail & House of Correction	938,000.00

Furniture and Equipment:

(a) Court House	25,290.00
(b) County Infirmary, Jail & House of Correction	65,500.00
(c) Sheriff's Department Equipment	3,404.00

Total Valuation	\$1,301,028.00
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REVENUE SHARING FUNDS

RECEIVED THROUGH 12/31/74	\$286,767.99
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EXPENDITURES TO DEC. 31, 1974

Truck - County Home	\$ 6,398.00
Car-Supt. Jail & H. of C.	3,070.00
Copier Machine	1,374.00
Pick-up Trucks-County Home	5,325.00
Heating System Improvements-Court House	8,021.80
Washer & Dryer - County House	8,000.00
Addition to Court House	136,445.23
Miscellaneous	200.60

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$168,834.63</u>
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BALANCE ON HAND DEC. 31, 1974	\$117,933.36
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BELKNAP COUNTY GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

December 31, 1974

Revenue	Actual	Budget
Taxes — City and Towns	\$1,044,324.00	\$1,044,324.00
Belknap County Home & Jail	527,042.00	496,500.00
Other	292,805.00	261,424.00
Total — All Receipts	\$1,864,171.00	\$1,802,248.00
 Expenditures		
Total Expense — General Government	\$ 44,522.00	\$ 47,447.00
Total Expense — Bookkeeping	14,223.00	16,240.00
Total Expense — Court House	23,576.00	30,700.00
Total Expense — Superior Court	152,563.00	128,650.00
Total Expense — General Welfare	109,894.00	139,620.00
Total Expense — Register of Deeds	52,445.00	52,800.00
Total Expense — Institutional Welfare		
County Home	724,939.00	743,870.00
Jail and House of Correction	162,318.00	162,687.00
Total Expense — Sheriff's Department	218,906.00	192,347.00
Total Expense — Budgeted Debt	76,965.00	71,490.00
Total Expense — Miscellaneous Budgets	210,429.00	216,397.00
Total — All Expenditures	\$1,790,780.00	\$1,802,248.00

Cash on Hand December 31, 1974	\$ 61,387.00
Net Income	
County Home Dec. 31, 1974	23,940.00
Jail & H. of C. Dec. 31, 1974	<u>11,936.00</u>
	\$ 73,391.00

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS**RECEIPTS****1974****COUNTY TAXES**

Total County Taxes	\$1,044,324.00
Belknap County Home and Hospital	527,042.00

REVENUE

Old Age Assistance	\$ 23,281.00
Register of Deeds — Fees	58,867.00
Sheriff — Fees	16,481.00
Clerk of Court — Fees	32,270.00
Sheriff for Gilmanton	12,375.00
Mutual Fire Aid	19,293.00
Grant - Sheriff's Vans	23,874.00
All Other Receipts	20,000.00
Cash on Hand December 31, 1973	86,364.00
Total Revenue	\$1,864,171.00

PAYMENTS
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES**SALARIES OF COUNTY OFFICERS**

Commissioners:	\$13,139.00
Treasurer:	750.00
Auditors:	400.00
Attorney:	13,397.00
Medical Referees:	1,495.00
Autopsies:	800.00
Total Salaries	\$29,981.00

EXPENSES OF COUNTY OFFICERS

County Attorney — Office Expense	\$ 4,002.00
Travel — Commissioners	1,500.00
Printing of Annual Report	805.00
All Other	1,836.00
New England Telephone — Service	409.00
New Hampshire Assoc. of Counties — Dues	300.00
Salaries and Wages Survey	2,600.00

Total Expenses — County Officers	\$11,452.00
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REGISTER OF PROBATE

Printing	\$ 552.00
Supplies	1,441.00
Telephone	428.00
Photostating	668.00

Total Expense — Register of Probate	\$ 3,089.00
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<u>Total Expenses — General Government</u>	<u>\$44,522.00</u>
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OFFICE EXPENSES

Accounting Service	\$ 1,181.00
Supplies	1,458.00
Salaries — Administrative Ass't.	<u>11,584.00</u>

Total Expense — Office \$14,223.00

COURT HOUSE EXPENSES

Workmen's Compensation and Fire	\$ 2,317.00
Fuel Oil	5,102.00
Waste Removal and Snow Plowing	496.00
Supplies and Repairs	3,801.00
Wages — Custodians	9,284.00
Electricity	<u>2,576.00</u>

Total Expense — Court House \$23,576.00

SUPERIOR COURT EXPENSES**Books and Printing**

Books and Printing	\$ 2,823.00
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JURY PAYROLLS

Petit Jury and Grand Jury	\$35,415.00
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JURY MEALS

Total	\$ 2,279.00
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STATE VS. '----' PAYROLLS

County Attorney — Expenses	\$ 3,071.00
Miscellaneous — Witness Fees	<u>3,436.00</u>

Total \$ 6,507.00

REFEREES AND MASTERS

Total	\$ 6,756.00
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STENOGRAPHERS' FEES

State of New Hampshire	\$ 14,946.00
All Other	9,744.00

Total	\$ 24,690.00
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CLERK OF COURT

Telephone	\$ 1,334.00
Supplies, Etc.	9,934.00
Clerk's Account for Salaries & Wages	52,593.00

Total	\$ 63,861.00
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Court Attendance	\$ 8,774.00
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EQUIPMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS

Total	\$ 1,458.00
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<u>Total Expense — Superior Court</u>	\$152,563.00
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GENERAL WELFARE

	Regular Relief	Soldiers' Aid
Alton	\$ 23.00	\$ 100.00
Barnstead		

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		Soldiers	Regular
		Aid	Relief
Belmont			
Center Harbor		26.00	148.00
Gilford			
Gilmanton			
Laconia	10,672.00	6,082.00	
Meredith	798.00		
New Hampton	19.00		
Sanbornton			
Tilton	216.00	75.00	

<u>Total</u>	\$11,754.00	\$ 6,405.00
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\$18,159.00

SURPLUS COMMODITIES

State Treasurer — County Payments	\$ 1,631.00
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OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Treasurer — County Payments	\$60,533.00
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CARE OF CHILDREN

State Treasurer — County Payments	\$18,170.00
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RELIEF ADMINISTRATION

Surplus Food Delivery	\$ 2,386.00
Salaries, Adm. of Public Welfare Asst.	8,375.00
Supplies	639.00

Total	\$11,400.00
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<u>Total Expense — General Welfare</u>	\$109,893.00
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REGISTER OF DEEDS

Salaries—Register of Deeds & Deputies	\$34,021.00
Printing, Binding & Supplies	10,746.00

Total	\$44,767.00
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XEROX RENTAL

Rental and Minimum rate copy fee	\$ 2,252.00
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MICROFILMING

Xerox Corporation—Microfilming	\$ 226.00
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RECORD STORAGE

Records Storage & Retrieval—Records Storage	\$ 5,200.00
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<u>Total Expense—Register of Deeds</u>	\$ 52,445.00
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INSTITUTIONAL WELFARE

Belknap County Home & Hospital	\$724,939.00
Jail and House of Correction	162,318.00

<u>Total Expenses—Institutional Welfare</u>	\$887,257.00
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SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Salaries—Sheriff & Deputies	\$122,815.00
Gas and Oil	7,618.00
Cruiser Insurance	2,090.00
Insurance, Riot	360.00
Bonds & Insurance	175.00
Telephone	1,507.00
Register of Deeds—Fees paid to Register of Deeds	3,107.00
Supplies and Repairs	642.00
New Cruisers	12,423.00
Vans (Offset by Cash Grant)	8,745.00
	<u>25,174.00</u>

Total	\$184,656.00
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DISPATCH

Salaries and Wages	\$30,257.00
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CONTINGENCY—SUBJECT TO COURT APPROVAL

Travel expense to return prisoners	\$ 218.00
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COMMUNICATIONS

Equipment	\$ 3,775.00
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<u>Total Expense—Sheriff's Department</u>	<u>\$218,906.00</u>
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BUDGETED DEBIT

Interest—Temporary Loan	\$ 22,975.00
Interest—Term Notes	9,350.00
Interest—Bond Issue	4,640.00
Principal—Term Notes	25,000.00
Principal—Bond Issue	<u>15,000.00</u>

<u>Total Expense—Budgeted Debt</u>	<u>\$ 76,965.00</u>
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MISCELLANEOUS BUDGETS

Extension Service	\$ 39,156.00
Airport Authority	15,000.00
Delegation Expense	
Mileage and Attendance	2,122.00
Social Security and Blue Cross	20,647.00
County Share	
Retirement System	
County Share	3,828.00
Non-Payroll Items (County Reimbursed)	
Blue Cross	\$2,543.00
Social Security	2,261.00
Retirement System	<u>449.00</u>
Soil Conservation	5,254.00
	<u>1,500.00</u>

Miscellaneous	
Lakes Region Mental Health Clinic	35,400.00
Lakes Region Council on Aging	12,000.00

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Lakes Region Fire Dispatch	\$ 75,523.00
<u>Total Expense—Miscellaneous Budgets</u>	\$210,430.00
<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$1,790.780.00
<u>Cash on Hand December 31, 1974</u>	\$ 61,387.00
<u>Net Income County Home</u>	\$ 23,940.00
<u>Net Income Jail—H.F.C.</u>	(\$ 11,936.00)
	\$ 73,391.00

TREASURERS REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners for Belknap County:

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit the report of the Treasurer of the County of Belknap for the twelve months ended December 31, 1974.

RECEIPTS

Cash on Hand January 1, 1974		\$ 86,364.00
Taxes from Towns and City		1,044,324.00
Reimbursements:		
Old Age Assistance	\$23,281.00	
Direct Relief	1,080.00	
Care of Children	20.00	24,381.00
Receipts other than Current Income - Temporary Loans		850,000.00
Belknap County Home		527,042.00
All Other Receipts:		
Office Rent	\$ 900.00	
Non-Payroll Refunds	5,501.00	
Miscellaneous	2,452.00	
Register of Deeds - Fees	58,866.00	
Grant - Law Enforcement	601.00	
Sheriff - Fees	16,481.00	
New Hampshire Distributing Agency	2,722.00	
Clerk of Court - Fees	32,270.00	
Lakes Region Fire Dispatch -		
Towns outside County	19,293.00	
Town of Gilmanton -		
Sheriff Patrol	12,375.00	
Grant - Cadets, Sheriff's Department	1,603.00	
Grant - Coordinator, Sheriff	5,122.00	
Grant - Vans, Sheriff	23,874.00	182,060.00
<u>Total Receipts</u>		<u>\$2,627,807.00</u>
<u>Total Cash Available</u>		<u>\$2,714,171.00</u>

PAYMENTS

Paid on Commissioners' Orders		\$1,561,252.00
Paid on Temporary Loans		850,000.00
Paid on Bond Issue		15,000.00
Paid on Term Notes		25,000.00
Payments - Interest:		
Temporary Loans	\$22,975.00	
Bond Issue	4,640.00	
Term Notes	<u>9,350.00</u>	36,965.00
Paid by order of the Court:		
Books and Printing	\$ 2,823.00	
Jury Payrolls	35,415.00	
Jury Meals	2,279.00	
State vs. - Payrolls	6,507.00	
Referees and Masters	6,756.00	
Stenographers' Fees	24,690.00	
Clerk of Court	63,861.00	
Court Attendance - Sheriff's Deputies	8,774.00	
Equipment	<u>1,458.00</u>	<u>152,563.00</u>
<u>Total Payments</u>		\$2,640,780.00
Cash on Hand - December 31, 1974		61,387.00
Net Income - County Home		23,940.00
Net Income - Jail and House of Correction		<u>(11,936.00)</u>
<u>Grand Total</u>		<u>\$2,714,171.00</u>

Respectfully submitted,
H. Max Wakeman, Jr.
Treasurer

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY OF COUNTY

CURRENT LIABILITIES:

Current portion of long-term liabilities		\$ 127,250.00
Accounts payable - trade		4,276.35
Accrued items:		
Payroll	\$ 908.76	
Real estate taxes	6,586.65	
Interest	7,006.75	14,502.16
Total Current Liabilities		\$ 146,028.51

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

	Total	Current Portion	Long-term Portion	
Twenty-year coupon bonds:				
3.3% dated July 1, 1964	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 135,000.00	
3.5% dated Feb. 15, 1962	80,000.00	10,000.00	70,000.00	
Fifteen-year serial bonds:				
6.0% dated Sept. 21, 1970	120,000.00	20,000.00	100,000.00	
6.25% dated Sept. 21, 1970	100,000.00	none	100,000.00	
Serial note payable-Laconia Peoples National Bank:				
6.75% dated Aug. 3, 1970	43,500.00	7,250.00	36,250.00	
Serial note payable-Laconia Peoples National Bank:				
Face of \$100,000.00 dated Aug. 1, 1972; \$25,000.00 maturing yearly at 3.20%				
3.5%, 3.75% and 4.0%	50,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00	
Serial note payable-Laconia Peoples National Bank:				
Face of \$200,000.00, 5.5% dated April 23, 1974	200,000.00	50,000.00	150,000.00	
	\$743,500.00	\$ 127,250.00	\$ 616,250.00	616,250.00
Total Liabilities				762,278.51

EQUITY OF COUNTY:

Capital:			
Investment	269,837.60		
Capital donated as aid in acquiring fixed assets [Schedule A-2]	531,743.23	801,580.83	
Retained Earnings:			
Balance, September 30, 1974 [Schedule A-3]		284,228.96	
Total Equity of County			1,085,809.79
Total Liabilities and Equity of County			\$1,848,088.30

COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT

Fiscal Year ended December 31, 1974

Balance on Hand—January 1, 1974	\$ 86,364.00	
Receipts—Year ended December 31, 1974	<u>2,627,807.00</u>	
	\$2,714,171.00	
Payments—Year ended December 31, 1974	<u>2,640,780.00</u>	
	\$ 73,391.00	
Balance—December 31, 1974 as per Cash Book	\$ 61,387.00	
Net Income—County Home	23,940.00	
Net Income—Jail and H. of C.	<u>(11,936.00)</u>	\$ <u>73,391.00</u>
Balance in Laconia Peoples National Bank and Trust Company as per Statement of December 31, 1974	\$ 45,056.00	
Add—Deposit Entered By Bank in Jan.	<u>38,306.00</u>	
Less—Outstanding Checks, etc.	\$ 83,362.00	
Reconciled Bank Balance—	<u>21,975.00</u>	
As of December 31, 1974		\$ 61,387.00

REPORT OF COUNTY PHYSICIAN

To the Honorable Board of Commissioners:

The Belknap County Home continues to serve well its patients. During the past year, the County Home has been operating at full capacity. We are still using the three solariums in order to care for as many patients as possible.

Under the new Federal and State rules and regulations it takes much more of my time to do the necessary paper work.

The nursing care continues to be excellent. The Occupational Therapy Department aids the patients in keeping themselves useful. The Physical Therapy Department is still operating on a limited basis.

Respectfully submitted by,

Perley A. Beach for
Dr. Mendon MacDonald

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME**Superintendent's Report**

I hereby submit a report of activities at the Belknap County Home for the year ending December 31, 1974.

The year 1974 at the County Home has been a year of great change. We went to Direct Medical Payment under Title 19. This also opened up a great many new rules and regulations at no extra compensation for the added expense which the County has been forced to pay.

In the Nursing Department we sent two Registered Nurses to school so that they would qualify to teach Nurses Aides. It is our plan to send each Charge Nurse to this school so that the continuity of nursing care can be carried on around the clock.

We have had a change of Chaplains at the Home. Rev. Palmer left for Maine and was replaced by Rev. Zeckhausen who holds a Protestant service each Sunday morning. Father Bombardier of Sacred Heart Church comes once each month for Confession and the following day for Catholic Services.

Our farming did not do too well this year, however we have hopes for a better year in 1975.

At this time I would like to thank the Commissioners for the cooperation and help they have given me in the last year. I would also like to thank the employees for the cooperation and the fine spirit that they give the County Home day in and day out. We have a fine group of employees who have the Home's interest at heart.

I would like to thank the R.S.V.P. for coming two days a week in O.T., and last but not least I would like to thank the many people of Belknap County for all the nice things that they have done for our residents.

Respectfully submitted,

Perley A. Beach
Superintendent

BELKNAP COUNTY HOME
STATEMENT OF BUDGET OPERATIONS

(Prepared under the generally accepted method
of accounting on the accrual basis)

December 31, 1974

		Y-T-D	Y-T-D
		Actual	Budget
120	Total Patient Revenue	\$517,660.00	\$496,700.00
140	Total Other Revenue	29,382.00	23,800.00
144	Less: OAA—Medical Pool—County Share	(20,000.00)	(20,000.00)
	Total Net Income	\$527,042.00	\$500,500.00
188	Total Administrative Costs	\$ 95,270.00	\$ 102,047.00
212	Total Dietary Costs	143,758.00	136,866.00
238	Total Housekeeping Costs	47,329.00	39,305.00
258	Total Laundry Costs	47,856.00	44,302.00
278	Total Plant Costs	45,417.00	35,425.00
298	Total Building Maintenance Costs	14,803.00	16,724.00
328	Total Nursing Care Costs	288,524.00	320,556.00
333	Total Occupational Therapy Costs	11,706.00	14,894.00
348	Total Medical Service Costs	6,421.00	7,300.00
440	Total Maintenance of Grounds Costs	8,050.00	8,261.00
368	Total Other Costs	15,805.00	18,190.00

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414	Total Jail and House of Correction Costs	162,318.00	162,187.00
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	Total—All Costs	\$ 887,257.00	\$ 906,057.00

	Loss—Combined	\$ 360,215.00	\$ 405,557.00

County Budget Funds

554	Hospital Budget	\$ 226,756.00	\$ 247,370.00
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556	Jail and House of Correction Budget	145,463.00	158,187.00
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	Total County Budget Funds	\$ 372,219.00	\$ 405,557.00

	Net Income	\$ 12,004.00	— 0 —

COUNTY OF BELKNAP

COUNTY HOME AND HOSPITAL

BALANCE SHEET

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

Accrual System

December 31, 1974

ASSETS

Cash in Bank	\$60,538.00
Superintendent—Petty Cash	200.00
Patient Receivables	36,598.00
Dietary Inventory	5,072.00
General Store Inventory	2,764.00
Pharmacy Inventory	5,412.00

TOTAL ASSETS	\$110,584.00
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LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable	\$ 28,746.00
Withheld FICA Taxes	8,719.00
Withheld Income Taxes	
Withheld Blue Cross	257.00
Withheld Other	
Accrued Taxes FICA	8,719.00

TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$46,441.00
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Operating Capital	\$ 52,139.00
Net Profit or (Loss)	12,004.00

TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	\$ 64,143.00
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL	\$110,584.00
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Excess of Assets over Liabilities 12/31/74	\$ 64,143.00
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STATISTICS OF BELKNAP COUNTY HOME

1974

Patients in Home Jan. 1, 1974	85
Admitted during the year	<u>22</u>
	107

Patients in Home Dec. 31, 1974	86
Died during year	20
Discharged during year	<u>1</u>
	107

FROM JANUARY 1, TO DECEMBER 31, 1974

Patients days	31,078
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PATIENTS AT BELKNAP COUNTY HOME DURING 1974

Old Age Assistance	88
Old Age Assistance—Alien	4
Aid to partially & totally disabled	6
Private	5
Aid to needy blind	<u>4</u>
	107

BELKNAP HOUSE OF CORRECTION AND JAIL

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

The following report is submitted for the Belknap House of Correction and jail.

The number of prisoners held this year was 1,259, an increase of 27 percent over the previous year. The average daily count increased from 27 to 31.

Operation of the institution has improved due to the full time employment of a rehabilitation counselor. Mr. David Ambrose was hired in August. He has established a workable program to improve sentenced inmates education level and job placement. Even with the high unemployment rate, we still are able to arrange job placement for inmates on work release, and/or those being released from confinement.

The age old problem of having inadequate facilities and staff to confine female prisoners still prevail, with little hope for any relief.

Respectfully submitted,
Thomas N. Myatt, Supt.

**PRISONERS AT BELKNAP COUNTY
JAIL AND HOUSE OF CORRECTION**

Prisoners in Jail January 1, 1975	8
Admitted during the year	<u>1148</u>
	1166
Prisoners in Jail December 31, 1974	8
Discharged during the year	<u>1158</u>
	1166
Prisoners in House of Correction January 1, 1975	16
Admitted during the year	<u>111</u>
	127
Prisoners in House of Correction December 31, 1974	16
Discharged during the year	<u>108</u>
	124

FROM JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1974

	Weeks	Days
Prisoners in Jail	604	2
Prisoners in House of Correction	1002	3

CLERK OF COURT'S REPORT

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I herewith submit my report of the Receipts and Disbursements of this office for the period of January 1, 1974, through December 31, 1974.

CHARGES AGAINST COUNTY

1. Allowance for Clerk and Clerical Hire	\$36,877.98
2. Due County for fines & costs	<u>1,489.23</u>
Total Charges	\$38,367.21

CREDITS TO COUNTY

1. Fines and costs	\$12,939.23
2. Sale of Rules of Court	10.00
3. Miscellaneous credits to County	239.56
(a) Regisration fees - Professional Bondsman	200.00
(b) Reimbursement for Transcript	82.00
(c) Reimbursement - lunches (while Court was held at Gunstock)	289.23
(d) Reimbursement - Master's fees	470.75
(e) Reimbursement - From other counties for Printing	1,173.03
4. Allowance for Clerk & Clerical Hire	<u>22,963.41</u>
Total Credits	\$38,367.21

Respectfully submitted,
Robert P. Tilton, Clerk

SHERIFF'S REPORT

The calendar year 1974 has been a year marked by considerable progress within the Belknap County Sheriff's Department. We have experienced an overall increase in our criminal and motor vehicle activity, as can be seen in Chart I, as well as substantial increases in civil process as reflected in Chart II. A change in reporting procedures depicts a breakdown of offenses in 1974 as opposed to a total figure in 1973.

CHART I

<u>Arrests:</u>	<u>1974</u>
Allowing unauthorized person to operate	1
Assault	2
Bench Warrants	2
Burglary	54
Capias	46
Carry concealed weapon	1
Criminal Mischief	4
Derisive Words	2
Disorderly Conduct	8
Dumping Violation	1
Escape	2
Failure to Keep Right	1
Failure to Stop for an officer	2
Failure to Yield Right of Way	2
Fraud	2
Fugitive from justice	3
Giving beer to minors	1
Giving False Information to Police Officer	2
Hit and Run	1
Indecent Exposure	2
Intoxication	6
Indictments processed	243
Indictments processed - Secret	12
Knowingly in the presence of Controlled Drug	3
Lewdness	2
Mittimus processed	8
Motor Vehicles Operation:	
After Suspension	6
Without license	9
Without motor cycle license	2
Without protective headgear	2
Under the influence	43
Uninspected	13
Unregistered	4
Wrong way on one way street	1
Passing on the right	3
Possession of controlled drug	12
Red light violation	1

Receiving Stolen Property	5
Resisting Arrest	1
Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle	1
Speeding	51
Spillage	2
Stop Sign Violation	13
Theft	8
Towing unlighted trailer	1
Unsafe Tires	1
Vandalism	15
Wilful Concealment of merchandise	3
Yellow line violation	16

TOTALS	441 (1973)	611
PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE - 27.9%		

Complaints Covered:

Abandoned Vehicles	15	17
Alarms	8	5
Animal Complaints	28	16
Arson Investigation	1	1
Assault	12	3
Bomb Threat	1	1
Burglary	56	84
Drownings	12	5
Escorts	4	2
Family Disturbances	45	12
Fires	23	13
Individual Assists	106	181
Kidnapping	1	0
Larceny	49	40
Malicious Damage	24	15
Mental Case	1	1
Miscellaneous Complaints	152	105
Motor Vehicle Accidents	79	49
Motor Vehicle Checkups	861	714
Motor Vehicle Complaints	37	11
Motor Vehicle Warnings	149	170
Narcotic	17	11
Plane Crashes	2	2
Prowlers	10	5
Rape	2	0
Recovered Stolen Motor Vehicles	4	4
Runaways or Missing Persons	15	9
Snowmobile complaints	2	4
Stolen Motor Vehicles	10	5
Suicides and Suicide Attempts	6	11
Suspicious Persons	26	35
Suspensions	2	1
Transported Prisoners	58	64
Unattended Deaths	9	4
Weapons Violation	7	6
Hours of Court Attendance	474	479
House, Business & Camp Checks	15,292	17,912
Miles logged	213,487	234,313

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Value of Property Stolen	\$ 9,181	\$19,158
Value of Property Recovered	7,439	\$56,500
Telephone calls received	46,159	44,120
Radio Transmissions	15,217	156,333

NOTE: 1973 statistics are inclusive of assists to other law enforcement agencies. 1974 statistics reflect exclusive action by this department. The assists to law enforcement agencies within Belknap County for the Calendar year 1974 numbers 572.

CHART II

	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Civil Writs Processed	1,419	1,850
Writ Fees Received	\$11,945	\$16,481
Breathalyzer Receipts	-0-	\$66

CHART III

Sixty-two cases relative to offenses committed by youths were referred to our juvenile officer during the Calendar Year 1974. The following statistics reflect the nature of dispositions from inception of the program to date.

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Counsel and Release to Parents	51.0	46.6	45.9	48.5
Referrals	21.0	15.2	5.5	22.5
Petition to Court	28.0	29.2	48.6	29.0
Females	27.6	40.2	27.0	22.6
Males	72.4	59.8	73.0	77.4
Rate of Recidivism	8.0	17.4	27.0	12.9

One case of incest is presently being investigated by our juvenile officer. One case of child neglect has been disposed of during the past year, which resulted in the placement of a youth in a foster home.

The following is a breakdown of the degree of utilization by the respective communities within the county.

	<u>1971</u>	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>	<u>1974</u>
Alton	9.2	14.1	-0-	1.6
Barnstead	7.8	6.5	2.7	4.8
Belmont	38.2	21.6	18.9	40.5
Center Harbor	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Gilford	7.8	6.5	-0-	17.7
Laconia	3.9	3.2	5.4	1.6
Gilmanton	9.4	13.00	24.4	17.7

Meredith	-0-	10.00	13.5	-0-
New Hampton	5.3	3.2	2.7	-0-
Sanbornton	2.6	6.8	10.8	16.1
Tilton	15.8	15.1	21.6	-0-

During the previous year, a total of thirty weeks was spent in the training of Deputies. This training consisted of rookie school, management school, fingerprint classification, and the F.B.I. National Academy.

Once again we were afforded the opportunity to participate in the Cadet Program sponsored by the Governor's Commission on Crime and Delinquency. We were most fortunate in acquiring the services of two fine young ladies whose work habits can only be characterized as outstanding. During the ten week program Margaret Andrews and Linda Sullivan of Laconia were exposed to the administrative functions of the department as well as the duties and responsibilities within the patrol unit. They participated in the routine training programs in addition to firearms training.

The second and final year as Commissioner Sheriff of Belknap County has been a very trying year. It has been one filled with many rewarding experiences as well as difficult times. With the help of a fine personnel staff and the guidance of our County Commissioners and Delegation, we have managed to overcome the periods of difficulty. During the ensuing years and with the continued confidence and guidance of staff and Commissioners, I look to a rewarding and prosperous term as Sheriff of Belknap County.

Very respectfully,
Donald C. Alden
Sheriff

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY

To the Commissioners of Belknap County:

I hereby submit my report as Belknap County Attorney for 1974.

Criminal Matters

A total of 258 indictments were returned by the three Grand Juries and one Special Grand Jury convened in 1974 for the commission of the following felonies:

Robbery	3
Armed Robbert	6
Receiving Stolen Property	8
Aggravated Assault, Attempted Aggr. Assault and Assault with a deadly weapon	4
Burglary and Accomplice to Burglary	100
Attempted Burglary	1
Kidnapping	2

Corruption of a Minor	2
Issuing Bad Checks	8
Forgery and Accessory to Forgery	11
Habitual Offender	2
Embezzlement	1
Theft by Unauthorized Taking	7
Hit & Run	1
Arson and Conspiracy to Commit Arson	8
Attempted Arson and Accomplice to Att. Arson	2
Grand Theft by Check	1
Criminal Liability for the Conduct of Another	2
Theft	2
Armed with a Pistol	4
Criminal Mischief	4
Possession of a Controlled Drug	2
Sale of a Controlled Drug	32
Purchase of a Controlled Drug	1
Conspiracy to Violate the Controlled Drug Act	6
Reckless Operation, Death Resulting	4
Attempted Murder	4
Soliciting and Receiving Bribe	2
Incest	1
Passing a Forged Check	2
Perjury	2
Fraudulent Dealings with Property Subject to a Security Interest	1
Carrying by Offender	3
Negligent Homicide	3
False Pretense	1
Leaving Scene of Accident (personal injury)	1
Theft by Deception	2
Grand Larceny by Check and Larceny by Check	5
Grand Larceny	1
Rape	2
Possession of Stolen Property	1
Fraudulent Check	3

A total of 133 misdemeanor appeals from Municipal or District Courts were taken to the Superior Court.

A number of miscellaneous matters were handled in the course of the year, including committal or release proceedings involving persons with mental illness or suffering from retardation, extradition petitions brought before the Governor for consideration, petitions for support under the New Hampshire Uniform Civil Liability for Support Law brought before the Belknap County Superior Court, non-support complaints, petitions under the uniform act on paternity and civil matters in which the County or the Belknap County Recreational Area Commission were parties.

Respectfully submitted,

David R. Decker
Belknap County Atty.

GUNSTOCK AREA REPORT

This last ski season was one of the best in recent Gunstock history. The snows came relatively early permitting the area to open for the season on November 30th. In addition, a series of small and moderate snowstorms hit the area and built up a substantial base. This made it possible for Gunstock to maintain good skiing even after the state was hit with an unusual spell of warm weather in late February.

Gunstock's snowmaking crews worked on every occasion when weather conditions permitted and added a substantial amount of man made snow.

The area hosted over 50 competitive ski events ranging from county high school meets to a National Nordi Championships. A comprehensive racing program in both alpine and nordic skiing is available to county youngsters and the response is growing each year.

Gunstock has maintained its practice of offering Belknap County residents the lowest cost skiing in the Northeast.

The area experienced a good camping and summer season in 1974 and indicators point to another successful summer in 1975. The special events calendar that includes such diverse activities as a Craftsmen's Show, Gem & Mineral Exhibition, Gunstock Bicycle Grand Prix, The Gunstock Hang Gliding Festival, Ceramics Show, Dog Show and Swimming Championships drew over 40,000 visitors.

Local business, fraternal and civic organizations have also increased their use of the Gunstock facility in the summer months. During the Annual "Town Days" residents of the 11 county towns are urged to visit Gunstock and use the facilities at no charge.

The Gunstock Area Commission is making an effort to respond to the needs of county residents and solicits positive feedback from them.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, NEW BRUNSWICK

The first and foremost aim of the college is to provide a liberal education for the young men of the province. In addition to the study of the liberal arts, the college also provides for the study of the sciences, and for the study of the law. The college is open to all who are capable of the study of the liberal arts, and to all who are capable of the study of the sciences, and to all who are capable of the study of the law.

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